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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. This document is the U.S. equivalent of the French-language European Patent Application No. 0 394 114 A cited in the attached Search Report issued May 24, 2000. A copy of the listed document is enclosed. The French-language European Patent Application No. 0 394 114 A is already of record in this case.

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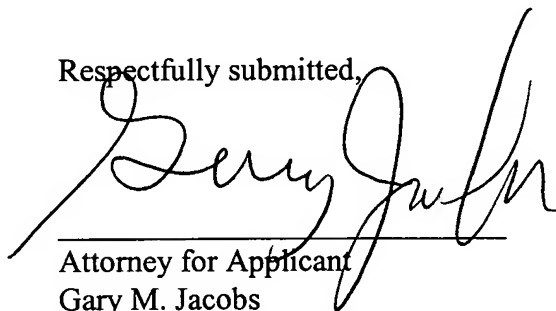
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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered.

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